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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

1. PS Battalion in Bela nad Radbuzou

2. PS Units in the Pobezovice Area

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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25X1X PS Battalion in Bela nad Radbuzou.

1. Prior to 14 April 1951, the PS battalion in Bela nad Radbuzou (Weissensulz) (N 50/P 52) was subordinate to the PS brigade headquarters which was located in Pobezovice (N 50/P 61) and commanded by Major Horian, (fnu). *
2. The PS battalion in Bela nad Radbuzou had Utvar No 8654 and was commanded by Lieutenant Bek, (fnu). Its 1st Co was located in Eisendorf (N 50/P 52), the 2d Co in Dianaberg (N 50/P 52), the 3d Co in Eisendorfska Hut (N 50/P 51), the 4th Co in Fles (Ploess) (N 50/P 51), and the 5th Co in Vaclav (Wenzelsdorf) (N 50/P 51). The companies were interconnected by telephone. **
3. The 3d Co in Eisendorfska Hut had Utvar No 6686 and numbered 41 soldiers, including 27 recruits inducted on 1 October 1950. It was quartered in a former inn. About 60 percent of the personnel were Slovaks and 40 percent Czechs. Two dogs belonged to the unit. The company had model 98-M rifles, models 48-A and 48-B submachine guns, model 26 light machine guns and Czech egg-shaped hand grenades. The signal equipment included 1 portable switchboard with 20 telephone connections and 3 German field telephones. The company possessed 1 model Skoda-Tudor passenger car and 1 model Java motorcycle. The border sector of the PS company was controlled by two patrols of 3 men each, who only occasionally had dogs with them. There were no watchtowers or obstacles in the sector of the company.
4. There were informers in all squad rooms whose mission was the supervision of the politically unreliable. There was little interest in the two hours of political indoctrination per day, which had almost the opposite effect to what it was intended. The personnel secretly criticized the political conditions in military and civilian life.
5. Basic training began in Thrano (Trasenu) (N 50/P 70) from 1 to 15 October 1950 and was continued in Hostoun (Hostau) (N 50/P 61) until 23 December 1950. Record firing practice with all arms was held about seven times near Bela nad Radbuzou.

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6. Up to late April 1951, a PS unit of 150 to 200 EM, armed with rifles and submachine guns, was stationed in a former three-story school building at Bela nad Radbuzou. On 20 April 1951, the unit was issued new red-bordered epauletts and dog's head insignia on collar patches. An acquaintance of source, who served with the unit, stated that all personnel of the unit were restricted to quarters and had to sleep with their clothes on throughout April 1951, allegedly because of the large-scale maneuvers by U.S. troops near the border. About 40 other soldiers were quartered in a building at the exit of Bela nad Radbuzou to Eisendorf, where the military post headquarters with a radio station was also located. All bills for services rendered to the PS unit had to be turned into this headquarters for payment.

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7. In April 1951, a PS unit, which had also received the new insignia, was stationed in a multi-story former theater building in Houston. A washing machine installed there in February 1951, was paid for by a headquarters in the castle of Pobezovice. A heavily guarded concrete shelter, occupied by about 20 air force soldiers, was situated about 600 meters south of Houston.

8. A PS company with about 15 dogs was stationed in Eisendorf.

PS Units in the Pobezovice Area.

9. In April 1951, a PS unit of about 50 soldiers with some dogs was quartered in a saw mill and a former country house just south of Carpatice (Nepomuk) (N 50/P 60).
10. A PS unit was located in an inn with a look-out tower on the Cerchov mountain about 4 km south of Carpatice. ***
11. A three-story building with the inscription "Velitelstvi SNB" (SNB headquarters) was situated on the market square of Klenci (Klentsch) (N 50/P 60). Several passenger cars were observed in front of the building.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. The PS battalion in Bela and the PS brigade in Pobezovice have been confirmed. See [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. According to another source, the company at Dianaberg was subordinate to a PS battalion in Rozvadov. See [REDACTED] The 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED] stating that the southernmost PS company of the PS battalion in Bela was located in Rybnik. See [REDACTED] In view of the fact that the 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED] companies of a brigade have consecutive numerical designations, the 1st through 5th Co belong to the 1st Bn of the brigade. See [REDACTED]

*** [REDACTED] Comment. This company probably belongs to the PS battalion in Kout na Sumave.

Annex: 1 Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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